

## § 403.116

### **§ 403.116 How does a State allocate funds under the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Programs?**

(a) *Reservation of funds.* From the portion of its allotment under § 403.180(b)(1) for the basic programs, each fiscal year a State may reserve funds for the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Programs.

(b) *General rule.* (1) A State shall distribute funds reserved for Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Programs to eligible institutions or consortia of eligible institutions within the State.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section and §§ 403.118 and 403.119, each eligible institution or consortium of eligible institutions must receive an amount that bears the same relationship to the amount of funds reserved for the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Programs as the number of Pell Grant recipients and recipients of assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs enrolled in programs meeting the requirements of § 403.111, including meeting the definition of vocational education in 34 CFR 400.4, offered by the eligible institution or consortium of eligible institutions in the fiscal or program year preceding the fiscal or program year in which the allocation is made bears to the number of those recipients enrolled in these programs within the State in that preceding year.

(c) *Minimum grant amount.* (1) A State may not provide a grant under paragraph (b) of this section to any institution or consortium of eligible institutions for an amount that is less than \$50,000.

(2) Any amounts that are not allocated by reason of paragraph (c)(1) of this section must be redistributed to eligible institutions or consortia of eligible institutions in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) In order for a consortium of eligible institutions to receive assistance under this section, the consortium must operate joint projects that—

(1) Provide services to all postsecondary institutions participating in the consortium; and

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(2) Are of sufficient size, scope, and quality as to be effective.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2341a (a) and (c))

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### **§ 403.117 What definitions apply to the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Programs?**

For the purposes of §§ 403.116, 403.118, and 403.120 the following definitions apply:

(a) *Eligible institution* means an institution of higher education, an LEA serving adults, or an area vocational education school serving adults that offers or will offer a program that meets the requirements of § 403.111 and seeks to receive assistance under § 403.116.

(b)(1) *Institution of higher education* means an educational institution in any State that—

(i) Admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of that certificate, or who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance;

(ii) Is legally authorized within the State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;

(iii) Provides an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a two-year program which is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, or in the case of a hospital or health care facility, that provides training of not less than one year for graduates of accredited health professions programs, leading to a degree or certificate upon completion of that training;

(iv) Is a public or other nonprofit institution; and

(v) Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association approved by the Secretary for this purpose or, if not so accredited—

(A) Is an institution with respect to which the Secretary has determined that there is satisfactory assurance, considering the resources available to the institution, the period of time, if any, during which it has operated, the effort it is making to meet accreditation standards, and the purpose for which this determination is being